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Comment. 25 June 1948, reported the following: M.A. Brunner (a Soviet citizen), promoter of Soviet trade, as well as being General Manager of the Yah Foong Trading Company in Shanghai, had arrived in Manila from Shanghai. Here he held a series of conferences with Judge Antonio Quirino. He also conferred with Joseph Arcache, a Syrian and a naturalized Filipino, who is said to be a potential influence in initiating Philippine-Soviet trade and to have influence with President Quirino and Senate President Jose Avelino. Arcache was reported to have arranged for Brunner to visit Malacanan.)

- 1. Colonel Marking Agustin, Special Agent, Technical Staff, Office of the President, was disappointed by recent efforts to initiate Philippine-Soviet trade negotiations. He has criticized the various Philippine officials known to have been in contact with M.A. Brunner.
- 2. It is now rumored that the Soviets will make their purchases through a commercial agency. The Luzon Stevedoring Company has been montioned as a possible intermediary.

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